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FOLLOWING SENT SECSTATE WASHDC FROM QUITO 03 JAN 75:

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR THE SECRETARY FROM FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES

REF: A) QUITO 8786

B) QUITO 0064

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF MESSAGEFOR SECRETARY
CONTAINED IN FIRST PERSON NOTE FROM FON MIN LUCIO PAREDES TO
AMBASSADOR DATED JANUARY 3, RECEIVED THIS AFTERNOON.

2. BEGIN TEXT. MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

IN CONNECTION WITH MY PREVIOUS LETTER OF DECEMBER 23, 1974,
I MUST ONCE AGAIN ENGAGE YOUR ATTENTION WITH RESPECT TO THE
APPROVAL BY THE AMERICAN CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE
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LAW AND ITS SINGULAR DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES.

IN THAT LETTER, I CONSIDERED IT ADVISABLE TO CONVEY TO YOU THE DEEP CONCERN WITH WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR WAS WATCHING THE PROCESS OF ADOPTION BY THE CONGRESS OF THE DISCRIMINATORY CLAUSES INCLUDED IN THAT ACT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE ACT HAS NOW BEEN APPROVED WITH THOSE CLAUSES WHICH, AS I BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION, HAVE A COERCIVE INTENT WHICH IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE OAS NOW IN FORCE AND THE COMMITMENTS ASSUMED BY THE UNITED STATES AS A BASIS FOR THE "NEW DIALOGUE" WHICH BEGAN IN MEXICO AND WAS CONTINUED IN WASHINGTON. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE MOST SCRUPULOUS RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE (LA) STATES, THE MOST FAITHFUL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION IN BOTH THEIR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND THE RENUNCIATION OF EVERY THREAT OF COERCION EVEN IF ONLY POTENTIAL, THE ESSENTIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE "NEW DIALOGUE" WILL HAVE DISAPPEARED. THIS WAS JOINTLY PROCLAIMED BY THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN THEIR DECLARATION BEFORE THE FIFTH REGULAR MEETING OF CECOM IN DECEMBER 1974, IN STATING THAT SUCH DISCRIMINATORY CLAUSES WOULD LEAD TO A "DE FACTO" INEFFECTIVENESS OF THE DIALOGUE AND THE MECHANISMS FOR CARRYING IT OUT. THUS, AS I ANNOUNCED IN MY STATEMENT OF DECEMBER 31, 1974, IN THE EVENT THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES APPROVES THE TRADE LAW AS ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESS, INCLUDING THE DISCRIMINATORY CLAUSES, THIS WILL INTERRUPT THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONTINUE THE "NEW DIALOGUE" AND, THEREFORE, THE PRESENCE OF ECUADOR AT THE MEETING TO BE HELD IN BUENOS AIRES IN MARCH, 1975, WOULD SERVE NO PURPOSE. YOU WILL READILY UNDERSTAND, MR SECRETARY OF STATE, ECUADOR'S POSITION WHEN YOU RECALL THOSE OTHER OCCASIONS ON WHICH THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE MEASURES, ALSO HAVING A COERCIVE INTENT AGAINST MY COUNTRY, PREVENTED ECUADOR FROM PARTICIPATING IN DISCUSSIONS IN WHICH AN ENDEAVOR WAS MADE TO SWAY ITS SOVEREIGN WILL. MY GOVERNMENT, MR SECRETARY, EXPECTS THAT THE SPIRIT THAT MOVED THE DISCUSSIONS IN MEXICO AND WASHINGTON WILL PREVAIL AND THAT IT WILL STILL BE POSSIBLE, THEREBY, TO

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FIND A WAY THAT MAY MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO INSURE FOR THE "NEW DIALOGUE" THOSE EFFECTIVE AND PRACTICAL RESULTS WHICH ALL OF US DESIRE. PLEASE ACCEPT, MR SECRETARY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION. /SIGNED/ ANTONIO JOSE LUCIO PAREDES, MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. END TEXT.

3. AMBASSADOR HAS ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF LUCIO PAREDES'
NOTE AND CONFIRMED THE TELEGRAPHIC TRANSMISSION OF HIS
MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY. BREWSTER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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